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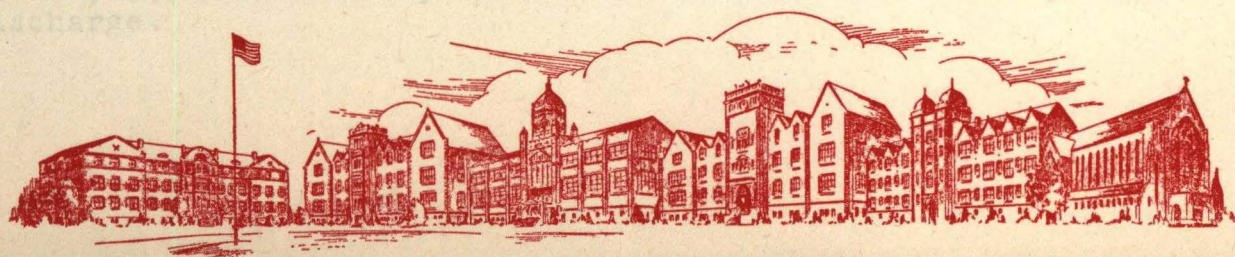
Dear Mules:

We're getting this letter to you one day earlier this week for this is Holy Week and the college starts its Easter vacation on Thursday. The office force is going to take a breather on Friday and Saturday so that all the girls can get their Easter finery in shape for the big day, but we'll all be back on the job on Monday morning.

Kitty is HAPPY--Art is home at last. After many false rumors and anxious moments, her MAN arrived in the states last week and she is now taking a well earned vacation with Art in Philadelphia, Virginia and parts unknown. Meanwhile this letter is in the capable hands of a new addition to the Alumni staff whom I'd like to introduce to you here. She is Mrs. Estelyn Stevens, the wife of a G.I. who is here at 'Berg, and a very welcome addition to the office. Lynn, to you, will be here to answer your questions when you return, get your record up to date and see to it that all mail reaches you promptly.

And so to the news. Biggest news in Allentown the past week was the million dollar fire which gutted the Rialto building on Hamilton Street last Wednesday. The fire, the first general alarm blaze in the city for many a moon, started about 8:45 A.M. and raged unchecked for several hours until brought under control about 3:30 P.M. One fireman lost his life, several were injured and seventeen families were made homeless as a result of the blaze. Property damage to stores and apartments brought the final figure of loss to approximately a million dollars. Fortunately, the Rialto theater was undamaged, except for the lobby. Allentown's civic pride was a bit abashed on that same day, for while the fire was raging, the city fathers received a telegram from the United States Chamber of Commerce advising the city that it had been awarded honorable mention for 1945 for its small fire loss. Outside of the fire, and a murder trial which concluded last week, things are fairly normal in town.

The big testimonial dinner, which was tendered to the members of the basketball squad and their coach, was held at the Elk's Club last Thursday evening. The principal speaker was Lou Effrat, basketball writer for the New York Times, who kept the crowd roaring with recollections of famous games he has seen and his own athletic progress, which, he said, "was always confined to scrub teams". Mayor Brighton Liefenderfer brought greetings from the city and lauded the team on its record. Atty. George Balmer, president of the Athletic Council, thanked the players for their splendid cooperation during the season and paid tribute to the fine job done by their coach, Lee Coker. Other sports writers and coaches were introduced and added their comments to the fine record compiled by the Mules. Awards, consisting of gold basketballs, varsity squad pictures, and gold pen and pencil sets, were presented to the players.



The Mules opened their baseball season on Saturday afternoon when they journeyed to Easton to meet the Leopards of Lafayette. The Maroons, who had already registered victories over East Stroudsburg and Moravian, took the Mules into camp 11-3. The score was tied in the fifth inning and it looked like a tight ball game until the seventh when Lafayette began hitting and, aided by several Mule errors, sewed up the ball game. The next game scheduled will be played tomorrow afternoon with Moravian and perhaps we can give you the score of that clash at the end of this letter.

A good indication that campus life is returning to normal was indicated last week when the students produced two one-act plays for their assembly program and climaxed the day with a revival of the inter-class tug of war over Cedar Creek. The Freshmen were pitted against the upper three classes with a company of Navy trainees on each side. On the first two tries, before anyone had got his feet wet, the rope broke; however, when the trainees were eliminated, the freshmen pulled the upper classmen through the creek. Later, the two companies of Navy men were matched against each other, and by the time everything was over, everyone had been thoroughly ducked.

The response to the letter sent to you men concerning the Field House has been gratifying indeed. To date, approximately one thousand dollars has been added to the fund through your contributions. We want you to know that we appreciate your efforts and hope that you will be able to enjoy, with us, this fine structure which will mean so much for Muhlenberg's future.

And now for the mail. CAPTAIN JACK L. DANERHIRSH '30 dropped us a line to tell of his departure from Manila for Calcutta. His next stop, he hopes, will be back in the states for that long awaited discharge.

Calling all Mules in Japan. If any of you are in Kobe, Honshu, and fail to look up LTS. JIM DUFFY '44 and CARL KNOWLES '44, they will not be responsible for their actions. These two stalwarts who have roamed the Pacific from Manila to Honshu, shared the same hospital room in Kyoto and are now roommates again in Kobe, report that peacetime Army life is really rough. Both are having the time of their lives boasting about the fine record the Mules compiled on the courts this past season and they promise a real reunion to any Mules who will drop around to see them in the 7th Port offices.

BOB JOHNSON '45 reports that he is slowly getting used to the ways of civilians while acting as Assistant Personnel Relations Officer in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Cleveland, Ohio. BOB, who had been a 5"/38 director officer for eight months in the Pacific, is now, to use his own words, "leading the life of Riley", and wants to be remembered to all his classmates.

MAJOR EARL G. LOSER '13, recently awarded an Award for Meritorious Service by the General commanding the New York Port of Embarkation, will be released from active service some time this week. Upon his release, he will be promoted to Lt. Colonel. MAJOR LOSER'S award was for services as Chief of Chemical Warfare Service in the Overseas Supply Division and indicates a job satisfactorily accomplished.

CAPTAIN LUTHER F. GERHARD '22 is at present enjoying thirty days leave in sunny California while awaiting orders to other duty. LUTHER sent us several clippings from Honolulu papers which gave accounts of Muhlenberg's victories on the basketball court and again demonstrated the fine publicity which our boys received.

HOWARD E. GROETZINGER V-12 is attending O.C.S. at Paris Island, S.C. and contemplates four months of active duty before his discharge.

This next bit of news probably should have been up with the rest of the sports but I'll include it here, as I know many of you are anxiously waiting for the football schedule for next year. It has just been released by Gurney Afflerbach, director of athletics, and shows that the Mules will play a nine game schedule next fall, with four home games. The complete schedule is as follows:

Sept. 18-----	Lafayette	Away
Oct. 5-----	Albright	Home
Oct. 12-----	Bucknell	Away
Oct. 19-----	Swarthmore	Home
Oct. 26-----	F & M	Home
Nov. 2-----	Lehigh	Away
Nov. 9-----	Gettysburg	Away
Nov. 16-----	Moravian	Home
Nov. 23-----	Delaware	Away

So many alumni are returning to take up their civilian occupations and professions that it is difficult to keep track of them all. That is why we have been reminding you frequently of the necessity of keeping this office informed of any change of address which you may have at any time. We try to list all the discharges in each issue of the Magazine but we may miss some, so, please, drop us a line when you reach that period when you say good bye to G.I. clothes and resume your work. In the meantime, here are a few of the recent returned servicemen who are back at work in civilian clothes.

SAMUEL D. FREDERICK '17 has rejoined his old law firm of Snyder, Wert and Wilcox. A Lt. Col. with more than five years of service behind him, he spent a good deal of his time as trial judge advocate and member of a general court martial board. Another member of the same firm, WALLY WEBSTER '34, has also returned to the practice of law after two years of service. WALLY was on the staff of Rear Admiral Carl F. Eryant, who was in charge of the United States Fleet Training Command. He also served as communications officer and staff legal advisor.

FORREST E. GOTTHARDT '31 has also taken up the work in his law office which he laid down two years ago when he entered the Navy. GOTTHARDT served as communications and gunnery officer aboard the William Ward Burrows and saw action in the Pacific.

JAMES A. KILPATRICK '33 has been named as manager of the Universal C.I.T. Credit Corporation's office in Allentown. JIM, who won the Commendation Ribbon and the Presidential Unit Citation while serving aboard aircraft carriers in the Pacific, has been with the company for a number of years.

Twenty one months ago FRED E. STORCH '35 left Catasaqua High School for service in the Navy. He was with a P T squadron and later served aboard a destroyer escort and a mine sweeper. Now back in civies, FRED is spending his terminal leave with his wife and daughters.

A former college physician before entering Army service, CAPTAIN THOMAS H. WEAVER '36 dropped in the other day after flying east with a patient who was transferred to a Veterans hospital. Tom looks grand and is looking forward to the day in the near future when he can return to Allentown.

BILL BEARD '44 is now a senior at Cornell University Medical School.

An eighth inning home run by AL STEIN, 'Berg left fielder, broke a 1-1 tie yesterday afternoon and gave Coach Frank Lough's boys their first victory of the season, 2-1, over Moravian. The game was played on Muhlenberg field. Space is mighty short, so I'll say so long and I'll be looking for your letters.

Cordially,

John

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Alumni Secretary